

Prepare for the FTC Judge's Interview

- ❑ Team sets a goal for the judges interview
- ❑ Team members list all the main points they would like the judges to know
 - i.e. highlights of robot design
 - what is unique about the team
 - greatest accomplishment or challenge
 - community outreach
- ❑ Designate a key point to talk about to every team member
- ❑ Determine which team member will give an introduction and which will conclude
- ❑ Consider visuals, *i.e. a prototype, example of a project, visual graphic to show impact of outreach*
- ❑ Give guidelines: every team member participates, eye contact, project voice, have fun!
- ❑ Each member practices their part to keep speaking time to 20 seconds or less
- ❑ Team rehearses all the way through without stopping. Then team members give feedback and positive suggestions to make improvements. Rehearse again. Keep presentation about 5 minutes total.
- ❑ Practice with someone who is not involved directly with the team but willing to listen (*i.e. custodian, teacher, neighbor*)
- ❑ Compliment the team, encourage their confidence, and smile because this is a lot of fun!

Note: In the real interview, the team may have the opportunity to give a prepared 5 minute presentation OR the judges may start with asking the team questions. With either format, this process will help the team answer questions with all members participating with confidence!

Practice Questions for FTC Teams

Note: Based on the questions for our team in the past, these are questions that can be used to prepare the team for a judge's interview, presentation for family & friends, meeting with engineers, robot demo for potential sponsors, or any public event.

- What is your team's greatest accomplishment?
- What is your team most proud of?
- How did you decide on your team roles?
- How did you come to a consensus on your robot design?
- How did your mentors help you?
- How was your coach involved?
- What makes your robot unique?
- What has been your community involvement this season?
- How do you promote FIRST in your community?
- What was the biggest challenge for your team?
 - How did you overcome that?
- How have you applied the quote from Dean Kamen,
"What we learn is more important than what we win."
- What is your game strategy?
- Explain how each mechanism works.
- Why did you select this chassis design?
- How did your team come to a consensus on this design?
- If you knew that you would NOT win an award at a competition, would you still participate?
- How do you display Gracious Professionalism outside of FTC?

